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Dear Sir:

In connection with the above-identified application filed herewith, please enter the following preliminary amendment, which is based on the amendments, filed August 25, 2005 with the International Bureau and attached to the International Preliminary Examination Report, a copy of which is enclosed herewith:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 8 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.